Commission, 50% of the Assistant Engineers were to be given pay scale of Rs. 6500-10500 and 50% in the pay scale of Rs. 7500-12000.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Civil Wing of P&T (Telecom) and AIR were earlier a part of CPWD.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The pay scales of Assistant Engineers working in CPWD is not comparable with those in other agencies like P&T (Telecom) and AIR where organizational structure, workload and fields of operation are totally different.

Garbage and filth in CPWD Colony, Vasant Vihar

1622. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that heaps of stinking garbage and filth are lying in front of Block No. 66 and 67 of CPWD Colony, Vasant Vihar, posing a serious health hazard to the residents;

(b) what action Government propose to take to get these removed and to ensure that the surrounding areas of the blocks are kept tidy and clean;

(c) whether Government would develop the vacant space as a park; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) (a) The Directorate General of Works, CPWD have informed that no heaps of stinking garbage and filth are lying in front of Block No. 66 and 67 of CPWD Colony, Vasant Vihar.

(b) Though the removal of garbage is the responsibility of local municipal body in Vasant Vihar Colony the garbage is being removed

by CPWD as the services have not been taken over by the local bodies. For this purpose CPWD has provided a number of garbage collection points (Dhalao) where the residents are required to dump the garbage. These Dhalaos are cleared by CPWD twice a week or more frequently if so required.

(c) and (d) Green areas/Parks are already identified in the CPWD Colony, Vasant Vihar and these have been provided with toe-walls and grills. However, due to acute shortage of water in the area it has not been possible to develop the green areas properly. At present there is no proposal to develop more vacant lands as green area.

Violation of construction norms in High Seismic Zone

1623. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the areas identified in the country which fall within the highly seismic zone;

(b) whether Government formulated norms/conditions for these areas pertaining to construction of residential and commercial buildings;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government noticed any violation of these norms while undertaking construction of new buildings from any of the earthquake prone areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) (a) A Statement is attached (See below)

(b) to (e) Housing is a State subject. As such construction of buildings is governed and regulated by Building Bye-laws/Regulations framed by each States. However, Ministry of Urban Development